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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Thai Tran

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 September 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 4-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 February 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2 and 4-5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-2 and 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takano (US 6,212,231 B1) in view of Kitajima (JP 06027932 A).

Regarding claim 1, as discussed in the last Office Action, Takano discloses a video processing apparatus (Fig. 1) comprising:

input means (video interface 17 of Fig. 1, col. 4, lines 28-32) for inputting video data of a macroblock unit;

storage means, having two or more storage banks (the SDRAM 13 of Fig. 1, col. 3, line 65 to col. 4, line 10; col. 8, lines 44-51), for allocating addresses to said video data inputted by said input means in an ascending order, and for storing said video data therein; and

reading means (col. 8, lines 21-37) for reading out said video data stored in said storage means in the ascending order of the addresses.

However, Takano does not specifically disclose the newly added limitation that storage means are switched from one of said banks to another of said banks every horizontal width of a video display screen.

Kitajima teaches the capability of switching memory banks at intervals of one horizontal line to transfer the line image data from the memory 3 to a display side during a period consisting of both the horizontal scan blanking period of the display device 5 and the following line display section so that the restrictions on the timing at the time of the transfer of the image data from the memory 3 to the display side are relaxed to surely transfer the line image data (the abstract).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the capability of switching memory banks at intervals of one horizontal line as taught by Kitajima into Takano's system in order to relax the restriction on the timing at the time of the transfer of the image data from the memory to the display side to surely transfer the line image data.

Regarding claim 2, Takano also discloses the claimed conversion storage means (stream interface 23 of Fig. 1, col. 8, lines 1-14) for converting said video data read out by said reading means into the data of an address arrangement similar to that of a video image which is displayed on the basis of said video data and storing said video data.

The method claim 4 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed in apparatus claim 1 above.

Regarding claim 5, the proposed combination of Takano and Kitajima as discussed in claim 1 above except for providing a medium for allowing a computer to execute a program.

It is noted that using microprocessor having ROM for controlling the write and read of video signal into and from memory is old and well known in the art and; therefore, Official Notice is taken.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the well known microprocessor having ROM into Tanaka's system in order to accurately write and read video signal to and from SDRAM or simplify the process of writing and reading video signal to and from SDRAM.

3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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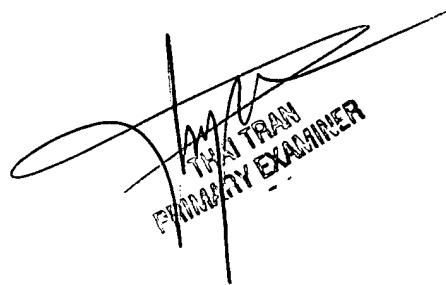
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thai Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7382.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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